



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 21, 2014, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 21, 2014, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 21, 2014, up slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 21, 2014, up slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through June 21, 2014 for the United States were 4.29 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2014

State	Week ending					
	May 17, 2014	May 24, 2014	May 31, 2014	June 7, 2014	June 14, 2014	June 21, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,521	28,484	28,829	28,789	28,684	28,902
Arkansas	21,420	21,358	21,527	21,460	20,794	21,165
Delaware	4,687	4,692	4,618	4,611	4,618	4,638
Florida	1,207	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,223	1,223
Georgia	34,434	34,567	34,498	34,489	34,197	34,569
Kentucky	7,774	7,951	7,878	7,787	7,786	7,616
Louisiana	3,802	3,772	3,787	3,802	3,772	3,802
Maryland	7,837	7,479	7,793	7,522	7,411	7,640
Mississippi	16,925	17,355	17,748	17,627	16,704	17,490
Missouri	8,406	8,152	8,296	8,162	8,488	8,408
North Carolina	21,239	21,407	21,160	21,065	21,208	20,525
Oklahoma	6,659	6,804	6,584	6,734	6,501	6,461
Pennsylvania	4,277	4,314	4,352	4,168	4,189	4,352
South Carolina	5,155	5,275	5,304	5,004	5,120	5,143
Texas	14,740	14,792	15,022	15,266	14,352	14,961
Virginia	6,547	6,619	6,679	6,679	6,678	6,679
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,236	11,410	11,355	11,270	11,550	11,276
19 State total	204,866	205,656	206,655	205,660	203,275	204,850
Percent of previous year	100	101	101	101	100	101
Other States	8,126	8,286	8,155	8,304	8,213	7,936
United States	212,992	213,942	214,810	213,964	211,488	212,786
Percent of previous year	100	101	101	101	100	101

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States and United States: 2014

State	Week ending					
	May 17, 2014	May 24, 2014	May 31, 2014	June 7, 2014	June 14, 2014	June 21, 2014
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,949	22,068	21,406	21,484	21,064	22,150
Arkansas	19,847	19,122	18,488	19,810	19,385	19,793
Delaware	4,779	4,711	5,069	4,671	5,054	5,241
Florida	1,152	1,251	1,269	1,237	1,298	1,285
Georgia	26,626	26,354	27,164	27,418	27,846	26,811
Kentucky	5,574	6,797	6,260	6,184	6,117	6,699
Louisiana	3,041	3,333	3,395	3,397	3,398	3,398
Maryland	6,748	6,355	5,541	5,987	6,046	6,076
Mississippi	14,802	14,535	13,963	14,601	14,727	14,984
Missouri	5,161	6,244	5,862	4,684	6,150	5,645
North Carolina	16,061	16,052	16,353	16,410	16,539	16,491
Oklahoma	4,186	4,000	4,968	5,403	3,916	4,426
Pennsylvania	3,581	3,515	3,765	3,533	3,569	3,511
South Carolina	5,068	5,406	4,275	4,582	4,582	4,840
Texas	11,941	11,544	11,523	11,753	11,843	11,984
Virginia	4,957	5,566	5,592	5,500	5,474	5,563
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,571	10,214	10,708	10,735	11,260	10,834
19 State total	166,044	167,067	165,601	167,389	168,268	169,731
Percent of previous year	100	100	99	99	100	100
Other States	6,143	5,840	5,969	6,059	6,464	5,950
United States	172,187	172,907	171,570	173,448	174,732	175,681
Percent of previous year	100	100	99	99	100	100

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness. Individual hatchery data are summed to State, 19 State total, Other States, and the United States.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

Reliability: Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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